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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: SE-24: Communist Charges of Use of Biological Warfare

1. The representatives of all of the IAC agencies except the Air Force have indicated satisfaction with the paper.
2. The Air Force representative was originally instructed to argue for the inclusion of a statement to the effect that the Communist propaganda campaign might be in preparation for the initiation of general war by the USSR. However, none of the other agencies showed any sympathy with this contention, and at the end of the meeting the Air Force representative stated that certain revisions, which had been made in the concluding sections of the paper, might overcome the original Air Force objections.
3. The general feeling of the IAC representatives was that no firm conclusions as to the true purposes of the campaign could be reached on the basis of available evidence, but that since the campaign was still under way additional clues as to its motives might emerge within the near future.
4. I quote from item #2 of the memorandum transmitting SE-24 to the IAC:

"USCIB, USCIB, and USIB have not been coordinated. These are submitted at this time for your information and for review by the IAC representatives. If the IAC representatives request a meeting on the TAMS, we will schedule one in time to permit their publication with the estimate itself. In any event we propose to solicit final IAC concurrences on the TAMS by telephone."

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION FOR CONCLUSIONS ON SIE-4

In arriving at these conclusions, we have utilized all intelligence sources available to O/NE.

O/NE has incorporated the views of specialists from A-2, ONE, G-2, OIR, OCI, OSI, OPC and OSO. Through OCI we utilized the services of [REDACTED] O/NE and OPC personnel, who are associated with the PSB, also contributed to our conclusions.

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(TAB "B" Suggested Changes)

Add to Paragraph 5 the following:

"In March 1952, one [REDACTED] report stated 30% of the 8th Corps, NKA, 25X1X4 are bedridden with typhoid fever or typhus, with about 60% mortality.

Change Paragraph 8, to read:

"There are indications of extensive inoculation of CCF troops, although the degree of protection received is not known due to doubtful efficacy of immunization. Prior to CCF intervention in 1950, vaccines were plentiful in China and Manchuria, and were also available for revaccination of CCF troops in Korea during the spring of 1951 (except for tetanus toxoid). Vaccines were made in China and Manchuria at any one of a number of centers such as the Peking Central Epidemic Prevention Bureau and the Dairen Municipal Sanitation Center. Intelligence does not indicate use of Soviet or U.S. made vaccines by the CCF.

Change paragraph 9, page 12, second sentence to read:

"Intelligence does not indicate use of specific inoculations for tetanus, cholera or Japanese B encephalitis."

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TAB "C" (Suggested Changes)

Paragraph 4, Page 15.

Change second sentence to read: "Non-Chinese are prominent in the research program: Soviet personnel participate as directors of the principal laboratories; as many as 50% of the scientists and technicians are reportedly Soviet; 120 Japanese specialists of the former Kwantung Army BW units have been integrated in the program by the Chinese Communists." And delete remainder of paragraph.

Paragraph 6, second line: add "area" between "limited" and "targets".

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